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Memorandum of Conversation

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DATE: January 5, 1967

TIME: 1:15 p.m.

PLACE: Soviet Embassy

SUBJECT:

ENDC (U)Space Treaty (U)

PARTICIPANTS:

Ambassador Anatoliy F. Dobrynin, U.S.S.R.

Mr. William C. Foster, Director, ACDA

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I mentioned to Ambassador Dobrynin the desire of the Japanese government to become a member of the ENDC. I said we had been approached in New York by Ambassador Matsui of Japan. Matsui said he had discussed this desire with Ambassador Roshchin who appeared to think it might be a good idea. Matsui said that Hungary and Yugoslavia also were anxious to be added to the present membership.

As far as the U. S. is concerned I recalled to Dobrynin that we had originally proposed Japan for membership in 1961. It had been turned down at that time by the Soviet Union. I said that with the present Chinese situation the Soviet government might feel differently. As for the U. S., it sees dangers if the size of the present group is substantially increased, but if the enlargement were to be limited to Japan, it was my personal judgment that this could be useful, particularly in view of ChiCom developments. Dobrynin said he had not seen any cable reports of Japan's approach but that he would report this to Moscow and would inform us of their reaction.

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I also asked about the length of regular sessions of the ENDC and regular periods for convening. I told him I had discussed this matter briefly with Deputy Foreign Minister Kuznetsov in New York in November. Dobrynin said he would report this as well.

On the Space Treaty, Dobrynin said the Soviet government obviously was in favor of it and he saw no reason why action should not proceed forthwith, but he did not know the exact date for signing.

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